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Has our city become immune to murder?

Twenty murders in 15 days raises questions about civility of city Mayor Nutter tells anti-violence summit: 'Fabric of our human nature is being ripped apart' {page 02}

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▶ The family of Dante Lugo, 14, who died in the Juniata massacre Jan. 11, couldn't hold back tears at an anti-violence summit yesterday afternoon.

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Violence culture shock

Mayor, other top officials hold summit in Kensington calling on end to bloodshed Even by Philly standards, murderous start to 2012 leaving emotional scars on public

"The fabric of our human nature is being ripped apart, piece by piece, thread by thread, and at some point, what happens?" Mayor Michael Nutter said at a Kensington anti-violence rally "We don't have a fabric anymore."

He was referring to the violent first 15 days of the year, in which the city saw 20 murders, the highest during this time span since the notoriously bloody year of 2007. That includes both the slayings of three young teens in Juniata last Tuesday, allegedly by a 30-year-old stepfather, and the beating death of a 23-year-old Temple grad in Old City early Saturday morning.

Though this year's Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service was supposed to center around hunger and economic injustice, the recent brutalities shined a light on the issue of youth violence in the city.

"I refuse to believe people in Philadelphia are so different, so much more murderous, so much more vicious," Nutter said. "Unfortunately, we got off to a really bad start."

He assured those gathered at Bethel Temple Community Bible Church that the trend could be reversed. "We have the year to come to write the story. We get to decide what tomorrow is about and we get to decide how bright it is."

But some of those gathered were still smarting from last week's shooting of three teens, which occurred a mere mile from the church. "I try not to show it, but I'm really hurt inside," said Ray Rivera, 19. "Dante was like my little cousin. When I found out that day, I started crying. I cried for three days."

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Quoted

"It's personally painful what we have to go through day to day ... I'm re-energized, ready to work and need all of you to join me in this massive effort to turn this city around."
MAYOR MICHAEL NUTTER

"There are too many street corners [like] B and Allegheny littered with teddy bears for young people who have been shot."
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▶ "We cannot lose our humanness," Nutter said. "Because we will not care what happens next until it happens to us."

Old City slaying still open

OLD CITY. Police are still looking for three men who allegedly beat Temple grad Kevin Kless, 23, to death early Saturday morning.

Mayor Michael Nutter said yesterday that he spoke to Kless' mother by phone. "I said to her, 'There's nothing, really, I can say to you.' What can I say?" he said during the anti-violence rally in Kensington. "We'll do our best to find the people who did this, because there's no way to explain it."

Investigators have surveillance footage, but it is too grainy to provide many details. They are looking for a maroon four-door Mazda carrying four men of Middle Eastern or Indian descent and are asking the driver, who was not involved in the beating, to come forward.

They are also looking for more camera footage and other witnesses.
METRO/AW

In the news

Kelly Drive crash kills two

Two women were killed and a third critically injured in a crash on Kelly Drive yesterday afternoon. Authorities said the driver of a Volkswagen Jetta heading northbound swerved and collided head-on with a minivan. The driver of the Jetta and a passenger were killed. The female driver of the minivan has life-threatening injuries.
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In the news

Let it snow

The dry winter season so far has disappointed snow lovers and plow truck drivers. And it's had an effect on the seasonal economy, according to reports. "I'm hoping we get a lot of snow," snow plower Jonathan Wise told WFMZ news yesterday. "It would be a great thing, a couple feet."
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Swim club makeover

NORTHERN LIBERTIES. Arrow Swim Club will soon be no more, according to a report on the popular local gossip website Philly Chit Chat.

The NoLibs luxury restaurant and pool complex is being rebranded by a management team including Brian Nagele of Philly2Night.com. Its membership prices will be more affordable in line with the neighborhood, the site said.

The new name of the complex has not yet been revealed, but its restaurant will be called Yellow Fin Grill, a source told the site.
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Summer membership fee last year, the club's first, as it heralded itself as the city's only over-21 pool

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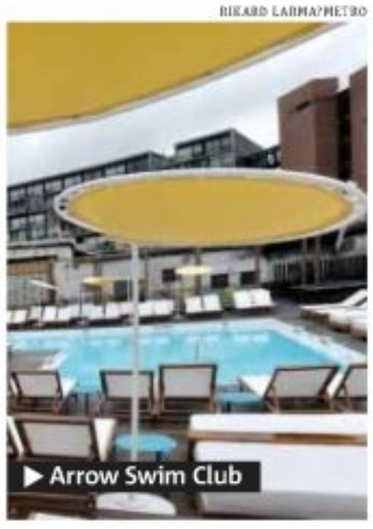

▶ Arrow Swim Club

Two people seriously hurt in West Philly fire

COBBS CREEK. Two people were hospitalized following a house fire early yesterday.

Firefighters responded to the 5800 block of Delancey Street around 6:40 a.m. and put the fire under control in 25 minutes, officials said.

An elderly man in his 80s suffered burns to his head, face and hands.

A woman, estimated to be in her 50s, suffered smoke inhalation and burns.

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The cause of the West Philadelphia fire is being investigated.
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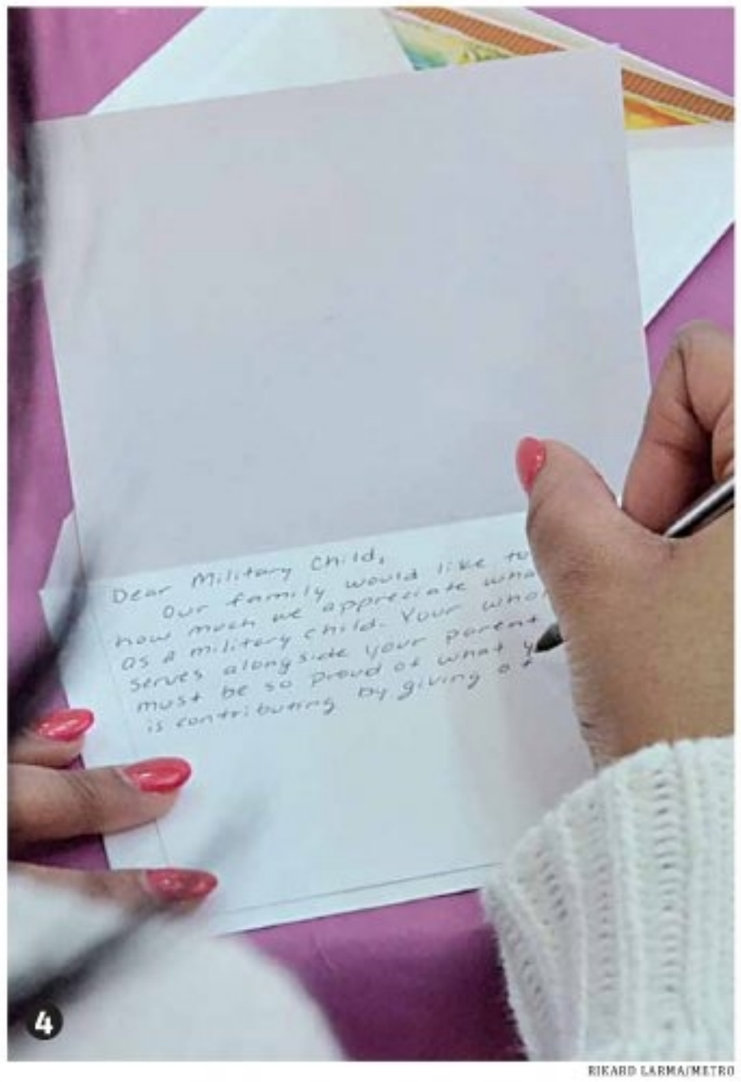
News in pictures

Thousands again volunteer in honor of MLK Day

Philadelphia, home to the nation's largest Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service, celebrated with 85,000 people participating in 1,300 volunteer projects yesterday.

Hundreds gathered at Girard College, including Vice President Joe Biden, to package meals and participate in a canned food drive and other community events. METRO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2: Dancers from High School for the Creative Arts performed.
3: Vice President Biden joined volunteers at Girard College.
4: One MLK Day of Service event included writing letters to American military overseas.

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▶ The car-sharing nonprofit showed off its new hub at the Navy Yard yesterday.

CarShare branching out

◗ Expansion into more areas of city announced ◗ New owner Enterprise also rolls out big upgrades to existing fleet ◗ No price hikes expected short-term

Five months after being purchased by a for-profit rental car giant, PhillyCarShare is showing signs of life.

The car-sharing entity, founded as a nonprofit in 2002 as a cheaper and more environmentally friendly alternative to owning a car, was purchased by Enterprise Holdings in August and retained the PhillyCarShare name. Enterprise has upgraded the fleet of more than 200 vehicles and added 23 new neighborhood locations, including pods at the Navy Yard.

"We had heard from some of our members. They were frustrated with the conditions of the vehicles as well as the higher mileage on the vehicles, so that was one of the first things we did," said James Callaham, a regional vice president with Enterprise, which also operates the National and Alamo car-rental brands.

Quoted

"We are careful to not bite off more than we can chew. We don't want to grow too quickly, and we don't want to be stagnant either."

CALLAHAM, ABOUT ADDING NEW LOCATIONS OR PODS

Because its has several car-rental centers in the area, the new owners have the ability to expand the PCS fleet as needed, and it will feature its first electric vehicles in the next few months, Callaham said. Members will be able to charge the vehicles at public charging stations or get charging cables they can plug into a standard electrical outlet. PCS was pushed to the brink financially as a result of outstanding back taxes and competition from Massachusetts-based Zipcar. Membership costs $15 per month or $125 for a year, with rental rates starting at $4.45 per hour with a charge of 25 cents per mile.

Despite the new ownership, Callaham said, there are no plans to raise prices in the immediate future, adding, "We've had very few discussions about price."

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Estimated locations for PhillyCarShare, including new locations at the Navy Yard and in West Philadelphia at 40th and Mount Vernon and 46th and Baltimore

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Students too angry to vote?

This may come as a surprise, but some collegegoers are somewhat dissatisfied with government Still, many back current Democrat president Barack Obama

According to a poll from Western Illinois University, students are far and away unhappy with the direction of the country, but few consider themselves politically active and about half think they have little or no influence over what's going on in the country.

The takeaway from university researchers is distinctly political, since disaffected college students may change the course of the 2012 elections.

"While students were interested in the presidential race, their views remain very much in flux," says Keith Boeckelman, a political science professor at WIU, in a statement. "This uncertainty, combined with a fundamental mistrust of politicians and institutions, could make for a volatile 2012 election season."

It seems there's really no 2012 presidential candidate that electrifies college students, a departure from the juice Obama received from college kids in 2008.

"The survey showed support for President Obama has weakened among college students," adds Jongho Lee, associate professor of political science and coordinator of the poll. "But we are not sure whether young voters are enthusiastic enough about President Obama to show up at the polls in great numbers."

Another report from TwentySomething.com says that 85 percent of college graduates will have to move back home with mom and dad to make ends meet after earning their degree. Maybe college students are growing resentful at the dismal job prospects available to them upon graduation and the tens of thousands of dollars in college debt many have looming over them.

39%
of students say they are politically active (even as 69 percent say they have an "interest" in politics).

52%
say they have "little or no" influence on the country's future.

62%
say the U.S. is on the "wrong track."

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Metropolitik: DC gossip gone wild

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And then there were five.

Former ambassador to China and **Mitt Romney** understudy **Jon Huntsman** has withdrawn his bid for the 2012 Republican presidential nomination, teaching us that it takes more than a nice face and Chinese as a second language to impress the American right.

Fresh off the campaign trail where he regularly languished in the bottom 2 percent in national polls, Huntsman is now perfecting his role as dutiful understudy, borrowing a move from the Mitt flip-flop playbook and promptly reversing course on his Mormon brother. Having just a week ago denounced Romney as "completely unelectable", hunter Jon has now turned around and endorsed him, describing Romney as the candidate "best equipped to defeat **Barack Obama**."

Curious. Does Huntsman mean "defeat" as in "on the field of battle?" How else to explain how he so positively describes the electoral prospects of someone he finds totally unequipped for victory?

No matter, it's all water under the bridge now, as the Huntsman campaign has backtracked on months of negativity, rewriting attack rhetoric and removing the scathing anti-Romney Web videos it had put together. ("When there's a question about whether you're running for the White House or running for the Waffle House, then you've got a big problem with the American people," Huntsman had said of Romney in late 2011.)

Romney is now probably hoping the Huntsman bump is somewhat more effective for him than it was for Huntsman.

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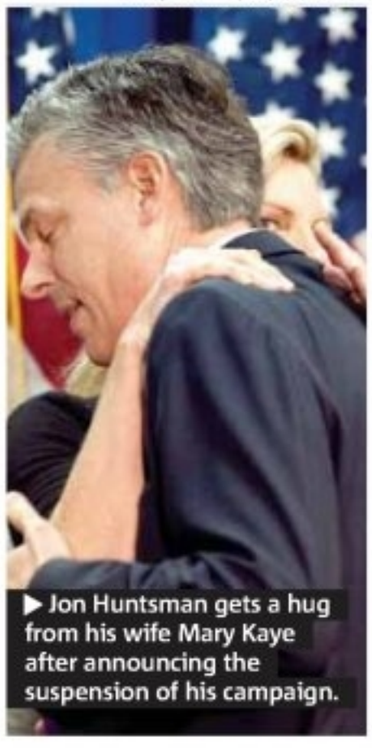

▶ Jon Huntsman gets a hug from his wife Mary Kaye after announcing the suspension of his campaign.

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- "Fox News: 'You Can Pee on Me All You Want, Don't Shoot Me'" **POLITICUSUSA.COM**
- "Perry on Huntsman dropout: I'll miss the Jon girls" **POLITICO.COM**
- "Jon Huntsman's Campaign Killed By Terminal Dullness" **THE DAILY BEAST**
- "Scott Brown And Elizabeth Warren To Talk Third-Party Ad Detente" **TPM.COM**
- "White House blasts Internet piracy bills" **CNN.COM**

He said, we said

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News in brief

Iranian ban for 'decadent' Barbie

TERHAN. Irans morality police are cracking down on the sale of Barbie dolls to protect the public from what they see as pernicious Western culture eroding Islamic values, shopkeepers said yesterday.

As the West imposes the toughest ever sanctions on Iran and tensions rise over its nuclear program, inside the country the Barbie ban is part of what the government calls a "soft war" against decadent cultural influences. **REUTERS**

Wikipedia to shut down in protest

NEW YORK. Wikipedia, the popular community-edited online encyclopedia, will black out its English-language site for 24 hours to seek support against proposed U.S. anti-piracy legislation that Wikipedia founder Jimmy Wales said threatens the future of the Internet. Instead of its normal information trove, the site will urge Wikipedia readers to contact their local congressman to vote against the bills. Other, smaller sites leading the campaign include Reddit.com and Cheezeburger. **REUTERS**

Hackers target Israel bank, airline

JERUSALEM. Hackers disrupted online access to the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange, El Al Airlines and three banks yesterday in what the country's government described as a cyber-offensive against Israel. **REUTERS**

Still searching for 29 as ship shifts

LAURA LEZZA/GETTY IMAGES

▶ A gash can be seen in the hull of the cruise ship.

A stricken Italian cruise liner shifted on its rocky resting place yesterday as worsening weather disrupted an increasingly despairing hunt for survivors. Meanwhile, authorities raised their estimate of the number missing to 29 people.

As the Costa Concordia's owners blamed their captain for veering shoreward on Friday in a bravura "salute" to residents of a Tuscan island, the giant ship slid a little, threatening to plunge its whole gigantic carcass and 2,300 tons of fuel below the Mediterranean waters of the surrounding nature reserve.

The slippage forced rescuers to briefly suspend their efforts to find anyone still alive after three days in the capsized hull, resting on a jagged slope outside the picturesque harbor on the island of Giglio. Six bodies have been found. Most of the 4,200 passengers and crew survived, despite hours of chaos.

An Italian coastguard official said the number of people missing had been revised up to 29 — 25 passengers and four members of staff — from 16, showing how much uncertainty still surrounded the disaster.

Investigators say the ship was far too close to the shore. The captain, who the ship's owners said carried out the rash maneuver to "make a bow" to people on the island, has been arrested. The skipper denies charges of manslaughter. **REUTERS**

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Amount Carnival expects to lose as a result of the boat being out of commission for the rest of the year.

Other details

ENVIRONMENTAL RISK. Italy's environment minister raised the prospect of an environmental disaster if the 2,300 metric tons of fuel on the half-submerged cruise ship leaks. The ship's fuel tanks were full, having just left the port of Civitavecchia, north of Rome, for a week-long Mediterranean cruise. The area where the ship capsized, off the island of Giglio, is a natural maritime park noted for its pristine waters, varied marine life and coral. It is known as an excellent diving site.

AT FAULT. Over-reliance on electronic navigation systems and a failure of judgment by the captain are seen as possible reasons for the crash, maritime specialists say.

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▶ Walsh and Grammer

Kelsey Grammer: Expecting twins

Kelsey Grammer knows how to move on from his ex-wife, "The Real Housewives of Beverly Hills" star **Camille Grammer**. After winning the Golden Globe award for Best Actor in a Drama Series, the 56-year-old star had another announcement to make: He and wife **Kayte Walsh**, 30, are expecting twins, he revealed to reporters backstage.

"I'm really looking forward to meeting these new arrivals," says Grammer, who has four children from previous marriages. "Fatherhood's always different, based upon the character that comes into your life. They arrive and tell you what you have to do."

Madonna and Elton John: The feud

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The Material Girl vs. The Rocket Man

Elton John and **Madonna** are in the middle of a huge feud — and honestly, I haven't seen two queens go at it this hard since "RuPaul's Drag Race."

It started Sunday night at the Golden Globes, when both of the icons were nominated against one another in the category of Best Original Song. Madonna was nominated for "Masterpiece" in "W.E." while Elton was tapped for "Hello Hello" from "Gnomeo & Juliet."

When asked by **Carson Daly** on the red carpet about the chances of Madonna winning, EJ quipped: "Madonna doesn't have a f—ing chance."

Then, when Madonna actually won, Elton's partner, **David Furnish**, went onto Facebook to vent his frustration. "Madonna. Best song???? F—off!!!" Not satisfied, he continued his rant: "Madonna winning Best Original Song truly shows how these awards have nothing to do with merit. Her acceptance speech was embarrassing in its narcissism," he wrote.

Madonna won't fight dirty though, and backstage she was the definition of polite.

"I hope he speaks to me for the next couple of years," she said about John. "He's been known to get mad at me so I don't know. He's brilliant and I adore him so he'll win another award. I don't feel bad!"

Way to take the high road, Madge. You could have easily just pointed out that the man known for such classics as "Candle in the Wind" and "Rocket Man" was this year hoping to win an award for a movie called "Gnomeo & Juliet."

Talking points

Brand doesn't play it coy

If you want to know how **Russell Brand** is handling his split from **Katy Perry**, you'll just have to come out and say it. Brand played coy when, during a press conference for his new TV series "Strangely Uplifting," a reporter simply asked how he was doing, according to Hollyscoop. "I'm quite well, thank you," Brand said. "Are you asking because of recent events? Well, I suppose what you're doing is you're making the mistake of seeing time as linear." While Brand tried to avoid discussing his personal life, he does admit it will likely play into his new show. "I think there will be inevitable biographical elements because you can't speak from anyone's perspective but your own," he said.

Wilde and Sudeikis make it official

Olivia Wilde and "Saturday Night Live" star **Jason Sudeikis** went public with their romance over the weekend after months of quietly dating, adorably locking lips while out for a stroll in New York City's West Village, according to Us Weekly. Sudeikis split from **January Jones** last year after six months of dating, while Wilde's divorce from **Tao Ruspoli** was finalized in October.

▶ Wilde and Sudeikis in December

Locklear: 'Out of control'?

While reps say she's doing fine, **Heather Locklear**'s recent hospitalization was reportedly her family's idea because the actress was "out of control" on drugs and alcohol, according to Entertainment Tonight. "Heather became a different person on drugs," a source says, adding that Locklear may be heading to rehab. Locklear was rushed to the emergency room after ingesting a dangerous mix of alcohol and prescription pills, according to reports. Her parents have released a statement saying all is well, though: "She is in no danger, and she's going to be just fine," they say.

The feed ...

▶ Checking in with some of Hollywood's biggest names to see what they've been up to — in their own words, in 140 characters or fewer.

Today, Elizabeth Banks is running late, Dax Shepard is indifferent to Friday, Juliette Lewis is not enjoying apartment living and Jason Bateman has a problem with toys.

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Traffic. Right?

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The only downside of loving your job is a decreased enthusiasm for TGIF.

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I am fascinated by my upstairs neighbors "activities". Like what could produce the constant creaks, elephant walking,moving of furniture etc

@batemanjason
I'm addicted to Activision's SKYLANDERS. Went to three stores yesterday - all sold out of the action figures. Had to go black market. Help.

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Golden Globes red carpet rundown

Best-dressed

1. **Angelina Jolie** had the perfect Atelier Versace dress, hair, makeup —and, well, date.
2. **Charlize Theron** embraced girly glam in a blush Dior Couture gown and sparkly vintage Cartier headband. J'adore!
3. **Salma Hayek**, in Gucci, brought some much-needed curves to the red carpet. We thank her.
4. If you're going to wear black, this is the way to do it. **Rooney Mara** in Nina Ricci.
5. So many starlets made us yawn by choosing dresses based on their comfort factor, but **Emma Stone** in Lanvin struck the perfect balance of effortless and beautiful in her floaty gown.
6. Androgynous goddess **Tilda Swinton** looked so badass in this Haider Ackermann suit/gown.
7. **Jessica Biel**, we've called your looks boring in years past, but you really shut us up last night. Congrats on knocking it out of the park in lace Elie Saab — and that engagement to Justin Timberlake.

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Trend 1:

Plunging necklines
- Evan Rachel Wood
- Emma Stone
- Charlize Theron
- Rooney Mara

Trend 2:

Bold red lips
- Claire Danes
- Angelina Jolie
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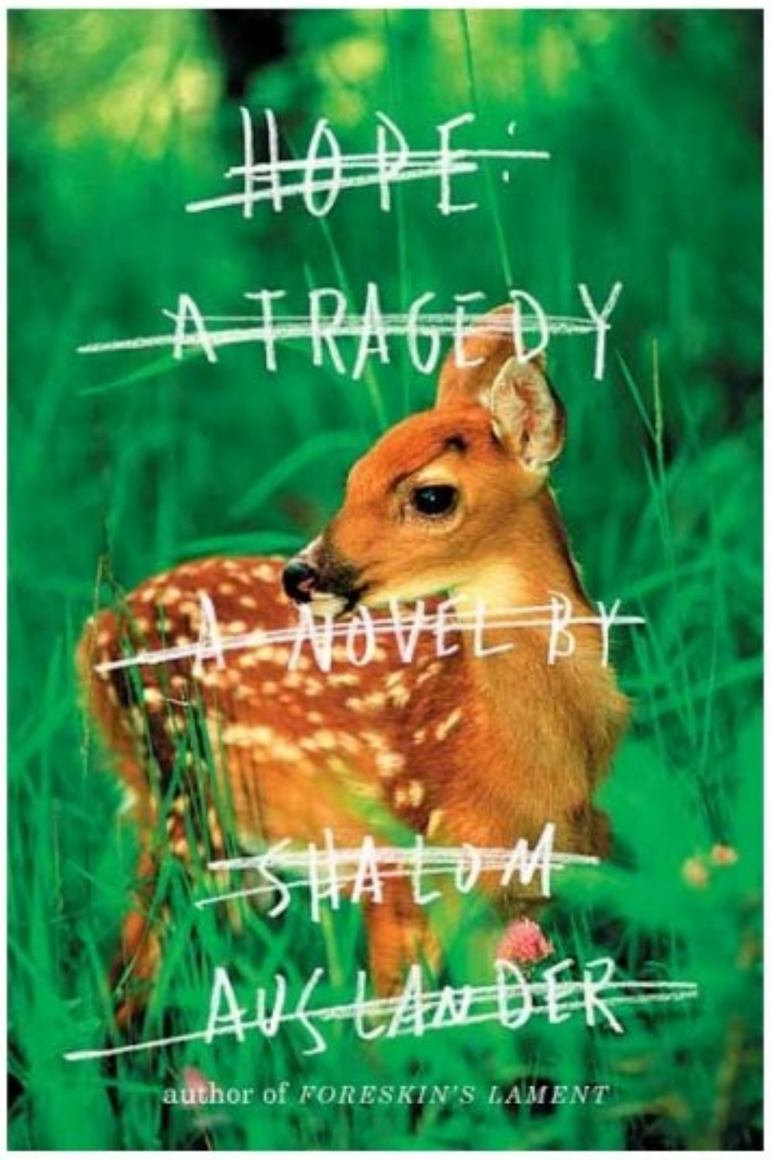

Shalom Auslander: From 'Foreskin' to Frank

The author isn't afraid to take on one of history's most revered figures in his debut novel 'Hope: A Tragedy' Tackling genocide with, yes, humor

Shalom Auslander is not one to tackle safe subjects. In his critically acclaimed 2007 memoir, "Foreskin's Lament," Auslander waxed philosophically (and, at times, hilariously) on leaving his Jewish faith. Now he's branching into fiction with his audacious new novel, "Hope: A Tragedy," which revolves around the main character of Solomon Kugel, a man who finds a very elderly — and very temperamental — Anne Frank living in his attic.

Did Auslander worry about taking on such a revered figure as Frank? "No, for me that is part of the fun," he says with a slight laugh. But Auslander points out that he didn't intentionally set out to include Frank. "[Writing the book] started out with Solomon. I liked the idea of a main character whose flaw was hope; that it's a flaw, like dishonesty or cowardice. That idea was the beginning of everything."

From that notion, Auslander was able to tackle the idea of genocide and, as he says, "the big hope is that it won't happen again." Which, of course, brings the reader to Anne Frank, history's most iconic Holocaust victim.

"The challenge of working with her was you don't want to make fun of her. You don't want to f— with something so revered," he notes. "[In the book] there is something unlikeable about what she has become. I'm pretty sure she wouldn't like what she has become, too. And that connects into hope and history and moving on. It just all sort of clicked."

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FX at TCA: Why the network signed Sheen

You might not be able to get past the tiger blood, but the FX head 'believes in redemption' and is willing to give the sitcom star a second chance ◗ 'Anger Management' debuts in June on the network that 'likes to take risks'

America will receive its first glimpse at Charlie Sheen in a sitcom post-"Two and a Half Men" in June when his new comedy, "Anger Management," debuts on FX, the network announced at the Television Critics Association press tour in Pasadena, Calif., on Sunday. But the Charlie Sheen we'll see will be a far cry from the angry, outrageous, self-described "winning warlock" who was fired from "Men" amid scandal in 2011 — at least according to the head of FX.

"He is a character who has a checkered past, but is pretty self-aware, and is struggling in a very honest way with that checkered past and a desire to do more positive things in his life."
LANDGRAF, ON SHEEN

In the new series, Sheen will play an anger management counselor whose antics are buffered by the women around him — his 13-year-old daughter, ex-wife and best friend/mentor. John Landgraf, president and general manager of FX Networks, called this the kind of role "Charlie ought to be playing at this point, in the sense that he is a character who has a checkered past, but is pretty self-aware, and is struggling in a very honest way with that checkered past and a desire to do more positive things in his life."

Landgraf insisted that adding the series to the FX lineup isn't a "cynical publicity stunt." He picked up the comedy — based on the 2003 movie — due to the "really excellent pitch" Sheen and the series' showrunner, Bruce Helford, presented. It was so good, in fact, the network has given the "Anger Management" team unusual creative license — no pilot was shot, nor has FX even seen a script. "We're a network that likes to take risks," Landgraf reminded reporters.

It's a gamble the network is willing to take, he says, because he "believes in redemption."

"If Charlie wants to get his house in order — and that encompasses his issues with substance abuse and his relationships to his own family, and it also encompasses his desire to have greater consciousness about his public persona — and he wants to do a show in which he as an actor has more complicatedly positive relationships with women, my opinion is that [it] could be a really good thing," Landgraf said.

TCA diary

The Television Critics Association press tour, a meeting of journalists and networks to preview new and returning series, kicked off Friday, Jan. 6. Follow Amber on Twitter at @amberatmetro and visit www.metro.us/tv for more TCA updates.

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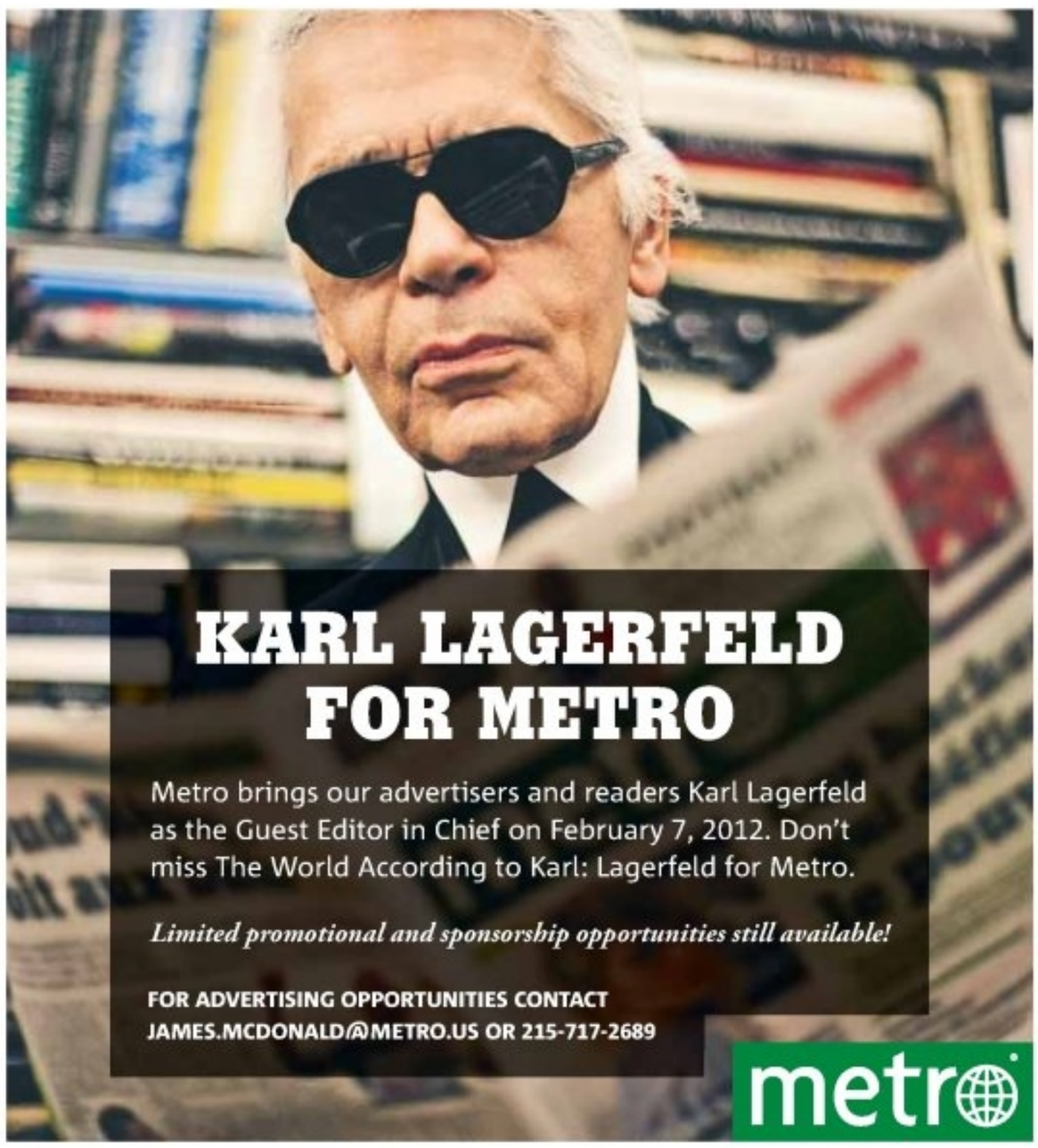
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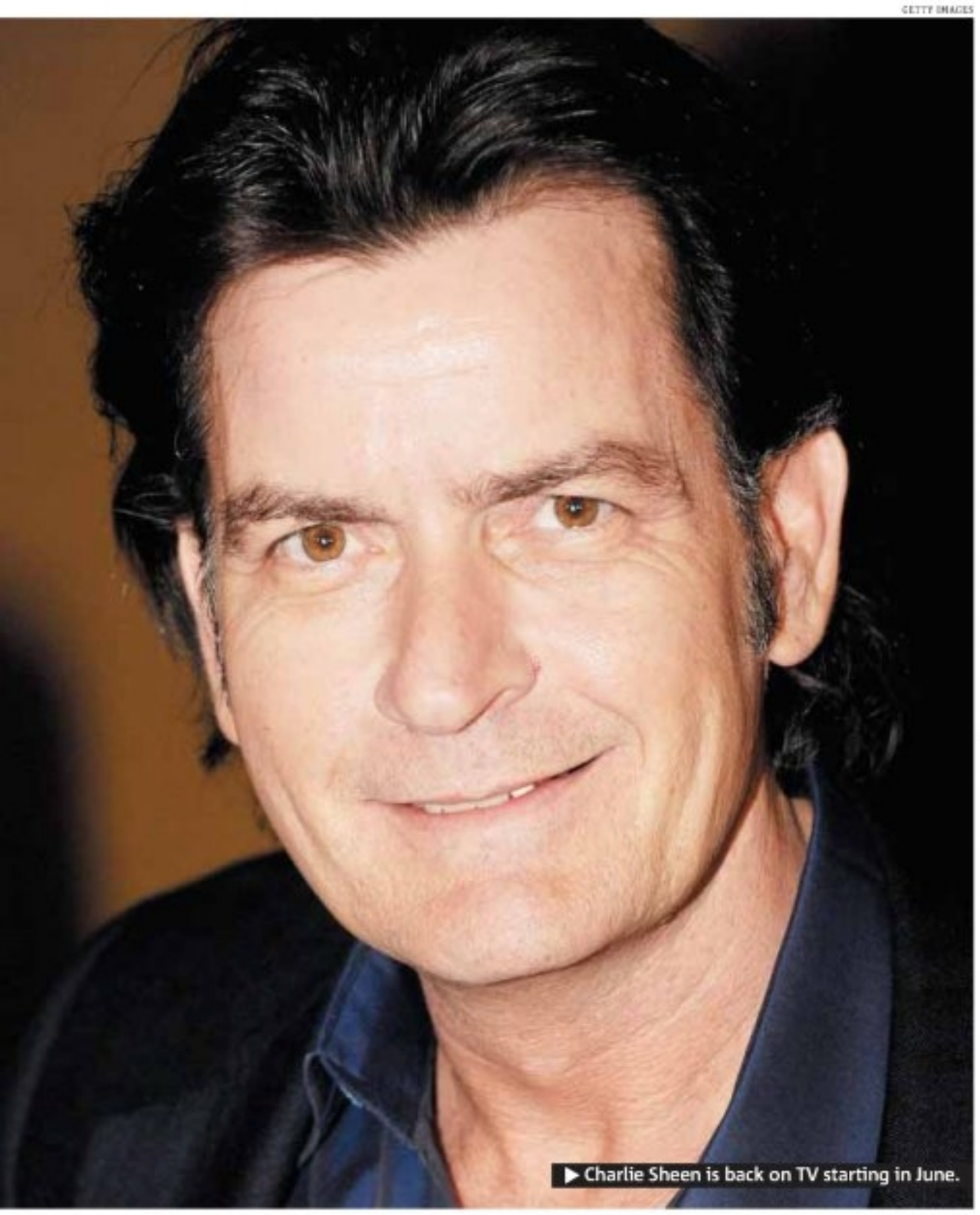

▶ Charlie Sheen is back on TV starting in June.

TV watch list

'Justified'

DRAMA. Deputy Marshal Raylan Givens is on the mend after last season's shootout-filled finale, but the bad guys he meets this year aren't the kind who are going to be offering him a smile and apple pie like his old foe Mags Bennett. The new threat is dapper and dangerous and comes by way of Detroit, played with steely menace by Neal McDonough. **Season premiere, 10 p.m., FX**

'Remodeled'

REALITY. Modeling agent Paul Fisher envisions overhauling the industry by creating a network of small agencies called, simply, The Network. He'll visit those small-town partners in search of the next modeling superstar and teach those agencies how to offer services on par with what they'd find in NYC. Of course, in the tradition of other fashion industry-focused reality series, expect lots of fierce, fabulous attitudes when all of those big, beautiful egos collide. **Series premiere, 9 p.m., The CW**

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▶ Timothy Olyphant stars as Raylan Givens on "Justified."

'Southland'

DRAMA. Lucy Liu joins this L.A. cop drama — which means the police force may look a little prettier, but it sure doesn't get any less gritty. **Season premiere, 10 p.m., TNT**

'Ink Master'

REALITY. Rocker Dave Navarro hosts this contest to find the most talented tattoo artist. Hopefully no one gets shaky hands under the pressure. **Series premiere, 10 p.m., Spike TV** ● **AMBER RAY**

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Rejoice! Dolly Parton returns to film

▶ Dolly Parton stars in "Joyful Noise," in theaters now.

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Country superstar is back on the screen opposite Queen Latifah in 'Joyful Noise' Why the role was perfect for her What she was nervous about

Dolly Parton steps into the room and it's impossible to overlook her: She's petite — though her hair adds considerable height to her 5-foot-1 frame — with a waist as tiny as they come. To no one's surprise, she's all dolled up like she's about to go on stage, even though it's just after noon on a Saturday and we're only chatting in a hotel room.

Parton, 65, is here to promote "Joyful Noise," her new movie about a down-on-their-luck choir trying to take home a national championship. She plays G.G. Sparrow, a feisty choir member whose vision for the singers is at odds with that of the group's new director, Vi Rose Hill (Queen Latifah). Taking on the role, Parton says, was a no-brainer.

"Well I just couldn't see how I couldn't play this part," she says in her trademark Southern twang. "[Director] Todd Graff said he had me in mind when he was writing it. I just saw so much of who I really am in this character and I just thought it was perfect. And I always pray that God'll send me good stuff — every movie I've ever done has always come to me, I've never gone out lookin' for one — and this one just came right through my office across my desk. Then when I found out that Queen Latifah was gonna be involved I thought, 'Oh, absolutely,' because I always thought we'd be good together — and I think we were."

Despite her musical inclinations, Parton claims the hardest part of filming was working on the movie's choreography — something she says she "felt a bit insecure" about.

"I'm not a natural dancer," she says. "I'm not very rhythmic, so for me to learn how to do moves and choreograph things with other people, it's very hard for me because I'm such an individual. But it was fun, it was challenging, so I think I learned that I could do it if I have to."

That kind of motivation has led Parton to much success through the years, and she's got no plans of slowing down anytime soon. "I wake up every day with new dreams," says the star, who admits to writing something every day. "It's like I'd have to live a thousand years to do all the stuff I dream about. I just leave myself open, wait for God to give me that one thing that I feel the strongest about."

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Dolly on Miley

Miley Cyrus is Parton's honorary goddaughter. Parton, a former child performer herself, wants the public to take it easy on the ex-Disney queen.

"I have a lot of faith in Miley. She's trying to grow up. We were very cruel to her, just like we were with Shirley Temple — nobody wanted her to grow up. She's got to grow up. She's Miley Cyrus, not Hannah Montana. She's a great writer, she's a great singer, she's a wonderful gal and I only wish her the best. I love her madly and I'm always there for her if she needs me. We're country folks — we stick together."

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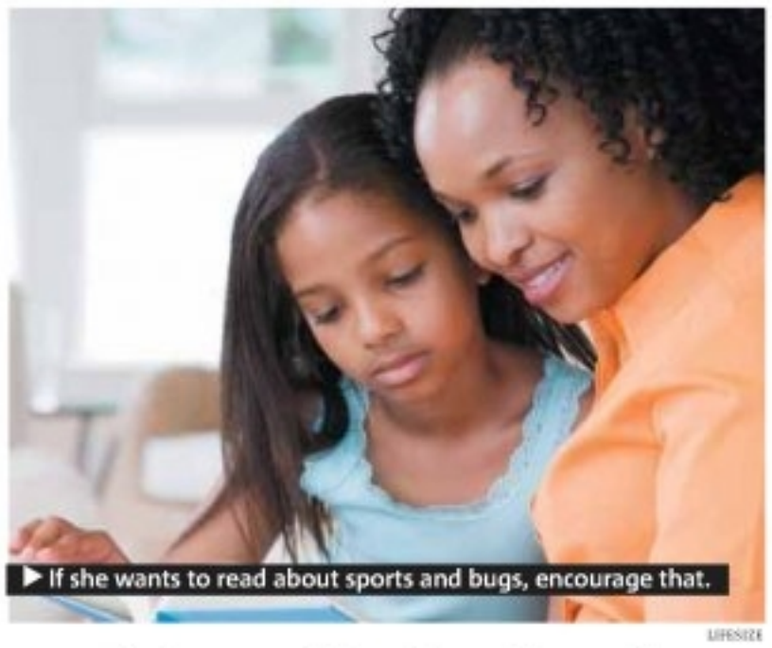
Raising a daughter in the age of the princess

Your little lady is inundated with messages on what it means to be a girl in today's world How you can help her develop independence

There's a major epidemic taking over the minds of young girls everywhere: the princess syndrome. Jennifer Hartstein, PsyD, wrote "Princess Recovery: A How-To Guide to Raising Strong, Empowered Girls Who Can Create Their Own Happily Ever Afters" to help parents understand why today's daughters are struggling with bouts of both entitlement and insecurity. Today's girls are groomed to look outward for their self-worth, Hartstein says, and the expectations for their looks and behaviors are flying at them earlier than ever before.

"Girls are bombarded consistently by messages — starting at very early ages — of what's supposed to be girly," Hartstein says. "They get pigeonholed into thinking that girly means pink and dolls and playing house. There isn't a lot of information given at young ages that promotes any encouragement to play with trucks, or go to science and math. They get very mixed messages all the way around. And those messages start at 2, 3 and 4 and then develop into concrete identities as these kids get older. They may think that the only way to succeed in life is to be pretty, or to have the right clothes, or [that] being a little geeky is bad and no one will like you. They get this message early on that doesn't promote real exploration of things that might make them feel good or be excited — they get something superficial."



▶ If she wants to read about sports and bugs, encourage that.

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But there are ways to ensure your daughter grows up with a healthy mind-set. Hartstein recommends the following:

Know what's out there

"Parents need to know what messages are being given to their kids and they are also giving to their kids. They might watch all these movies about the princess being saved by the prince … little kids think that that's reality. You want to talk to them about how they might be able to help themselves in situations and really promote a sense of awareness and ways that they can be self-sufficient. And kind of piggybacking on that, what are your own feelings about what those messages are? [Kids] learn from you."

Let her choose her interests

"You want to encourage exploration in all ways. Don't discourage your daughter from wanting to play with what are typically boy toys. Toys are toys. I think encouraging exploration of all that is really something that parents need to be able to do and feel comfortable with."

Have conversations

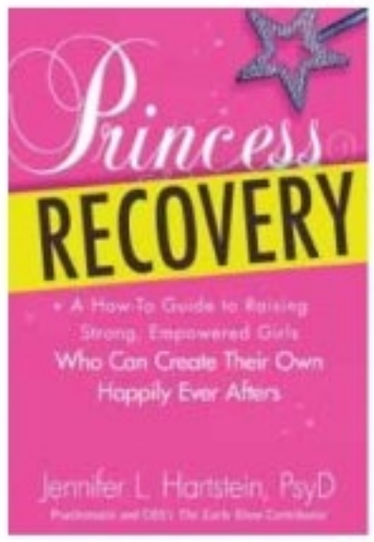
"Talk a lot. Talk about what your kids are seeing, what their interpretation is of it, what it means to them. Start those conversations often and early."

Get the whole family involved

"Dads have as much of a role here. We can't minimize the importance of dads. They're just as important."

Hartstein on 'Toddlers & Tiaras'

"What they show is these girls who are really praised and supported because they're cute and sweet," she says of the popular TLC program. "I don't care how many of these moms say, 'But they have a normal life outside!' This is where they're deriving so much meaning. They learn, 'As long as I can make you smile, I will get what I want from you.' What does that mean when you're 13? … [The problem gets] bigger as kids get older."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Enough with blame; let's just get better

RE: "WHERE TO PLACE BLAME?": Yes, let's all continue to bicker and argue and play these two-party blame games with each other like little children, because that has really helped this country progress in the last few decades. Seriously though, can't we all just sit down together, discuss our differences of opinions and compromise? It seems to me that's what a civilized society would do.

TRENT SANER, VIA E-MAIL

What this country needs is a second political party, not to mention a better-informed electorate that gets information from the controlled media. This country has been in trouble with both political parties in power, especially the "conservative" Republicans. Liberals posing as conservatives has been our lot for many decades, and the media has spent billions convincing us of these falsehoods. Perhaps there is one candidate running for president who is not part of this media created charade. His name is Dr. Ron Paul.

FRANK ST. GEORGE, VIA E-MAIL

Let's hear the truth about Ron Paul. Yes he wants to cut the FDA, the EPA and the OSHA. He also wants to end the overseas and drug wars, corporate welfare (subsidies and bailouts), the Federal Reserve bank and the futile Department of Education. These cuts will save us trillions, essentially bailing out the private sector by letting us keep our money, along with restoring the value of the dollar. In response to Cuddy's argument, the 14th Amendment guarantees the bill of rights applies to everybody, so concerns that somehow local state governments will become dictatorships are unfounded.

DREW HOUSER, VIA E-MAIL

"We should've ... set up a booth to urinate on [bin Laden]."

RE: "URINATION VID STIRS ANTI-US OUTRAGE ABROAD": There is such an uproar about the soldiers who urinated on the dead terrorists. Two things: First, they were dead. And second, they were terrorists! Maybe we should ask the people who lost loved ones on 9/11 what they think about it. I'm sure they aren't too upset. When we killed bin Laden, we should've brought his body to Ground Zero and set up a booth to urinate on him and charge $100 dollars per person. Our economy would've rebounded right away. Millions would have been generated, tourism would've increased tenfold.

ROBERT LA ROSA, VIA E-MAIL

Obama must take some responsibility

LIBERALS. I voted for Obama — but come on liberals, he's been in office more than three years and has to take some of the blame for what has happened in this period: unemployment averaging nearly 9 percent, a budget deficit that has soared about $1 trillion, the continuation of the Bush tax cuts that he reviled during his election campaign, high teen pregnancy rates and the continued deterioration of the housing market. Are we better off than we were four years ago? Mostly, we are not.

RON FALCON, VIA E-MAIL

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Horoscope

♑ Capricorn **Dec. 22-Jan. 19.** Because you'll innately understand certain things that aren't necessarily obvious to others, trust your own instincts over the general consensus.

♒ Aquarius **Jan. 20-Feb. 19.** For some strange reason, your sense of timing will be better than ever and could prove to be an enormous asset. When you feel the moment is right, play your trump cards.

♓ Pisces **Feb. 20-March 20.** Information you receive from a trusted ally could contain some hidden ramifications that require a great deal of thoughtful analysis. You should carefully evaluate everything.

♈ Aries **March 21-April 19.** You may have to deal with some challenging developments, but you won't have any trouble solving problems.

♉ Taurus **April 20-May 20.** It won't bother you one bit if an idea or suggestion that's offered by another is superior to anything you've thought of. In fact, you'll welcome clever thinking of every stripe.

♊ Gemini **May 21-June 20.** Being materially motivated will substantially enhance your effectiveness and productivity. When you see a chance to make a dollar, you won't hesitate to do what you must to earn it.

♋ Cancer **June 21-July 22.** Because you're a good listener, you're likely to pick up all kinds of bits of information that could collectively prove to be beneficial. Don't ever stop learning.

♌ Leo **July 23-Aug. 22.** A situation that has been hanging fire for far too long can be successfully brought to a conclusion. If you see a sudden opening, act on it with boldness and alacrity.

♍ Virgo **Aug. 23-Sept. 22.** Upgrade that operation or endeavor in which you are presently involved the moment you get the chance to do so. Such an opportunity won't come again soon.

♎ Libra **Sept. 23-Oct. 23.** You could be exceptionally fortunate in your commercial affairs if you're willing to act as soon as a likely opportunity manifests itself. Don't sit around wondering if it'll work — just do it.

♏ Scorpio **Oct. 24-Nov. 22.** Good news that will substantially elevate your hopes and wishes is on its way, at long last. It will enable you do something you've thought about for a quite a while.

♐ Sagittarius **Nov. 23-Dec. 21.** You should closely listen to the advice of others about how to make or save money — but then follow whatever course makes the most sense to you. Heed your own intuition.

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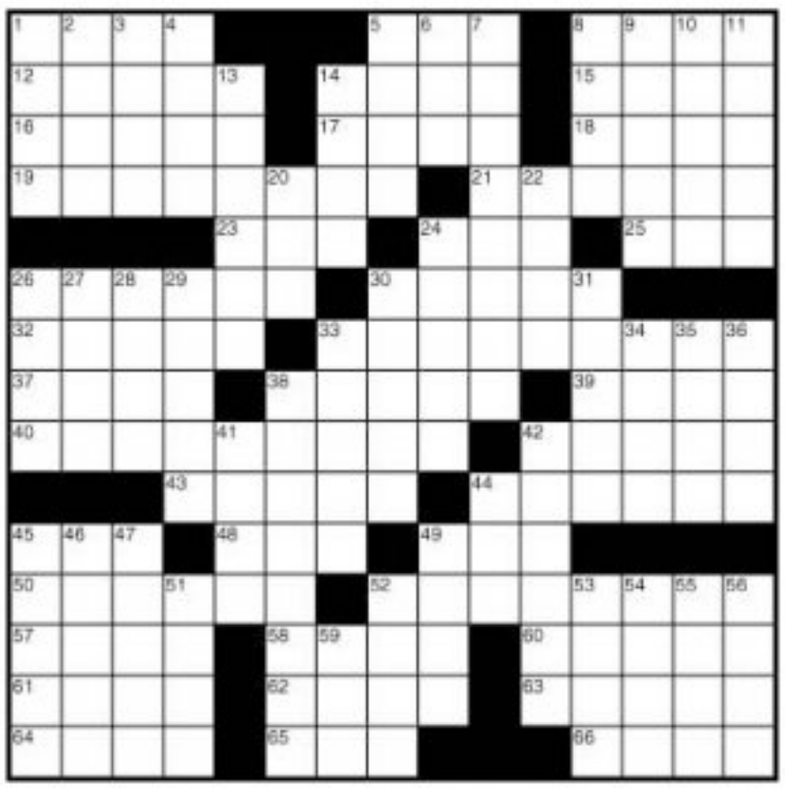

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Local law grads receive public interest fellowship

The recent graduates of Rutgers and the University of Pennsylvania plan to devote their careers to helping those who cannot afford legal services

Matthew Sykes, a 2011 graduate of Rutgers School of Law-Camden, is one of only 28 young lawyers nationwide to receive a 2012 Skadden Public Interest Fellowship.

The fellowship program, described as "a legal Peace Corps," is for recent graduates who plan to devote their professional lives to working with those who are otherwise unable to obtain the legal services they need. Each fellow creates a program at a public interest organization with lawyers on staff and is funded for two years to implement that program.

Sykes' program, with the Lawyers Committee for Civil Rights Under Law, is targeted toward students exiting the juvenile justice system and reentering school. It will concentrate on young people in Camden and in Sykes' hometown, Atlantic City.

"I've started to lean toward education law because — unlike other specific areas of practice, such as employment or civil rights — I believe that education is the key to fighting injustice anywhere, in any situation," Sykes explains.

Sykes, who received his undergraduate degree from Rowan University in 2008, overcame many obstacles on his way to law school. "I grew up with a lack of positive role models, ineffective school systems and a neighborhood where drugs were sold and used. I graduated from high school with a C average." he says. "I want to send the message that if I can do it, anyone can."

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▶ Rutgers School of Law-Camden grad Matthew Sykes will work for Lawyers Committee for Civil Rights Under Law.

Other local recipients

Two Penn law school grads have also received Skadden fellowships.

Marsha Chien will work at the Legal Aid Society-Employment Law Center in San Francisco on a project helping limited-English proficient workers who have been barred from equal-employment opportunities.

Jesse Krohn will work at Philadelphia Legal Assistance. She will work with teen parents on matters of child support and custody, protection from abuse and access to public benefits.

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For Melanie — like almost every second-career teacher — a master's degree program was the clearest path toward training and certification. And that goes for almost any concentration, from math to art.

"I just got turned on to the idea of teaching. I felt like I could combine my passion for helping others and working on the kind of art I love," says Fidler, who received an M.A. in Art Education from Adelphi University in May and currently lives in Brooklyn, N.Y. "The program I chose wasn't just a master's [degree] in art education. It also included my certification ... and testing. And I could do it in two years."

"For me, writing lesson plans and thematic learning plans was probably the most important part of the curriculum."
MELANIE FIDLER

Fidler currently teaches part-time, and is hoping to find a full-time teaching job in the near future. "For me, writing lesson plans and thematic learning plans was probably the most important part of the curriculum," she says of her M.A. program. "Now I'm in the field, and I have to create different kinds of lessons every day."

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Making the right choice

It's helpful to first understand the distinction between the M.A. (Master of Arts) and the MEd (Master of Education). "Those interested in the MEd are typically already certified. They're interested in advancing their knowledge base and getting an additional credential," explains Dr. Mickey Fenzel, interim dean of the Loyola University Maryland School of Education. "If your goal is to become a certified teacher, the M.A. makes the most sense."

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A different spin on ballroom dancing

Temple professor Julia Ericksen looks at the sociology of dancing in new book Why some hit the floor with strangers and others prefer to watch

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Some like to get up close, with no strings attached.

Julia Ericksen enjoyed ballroom dancing as a teenager. After her own children were grown, she decided to go back to the ballroom. She found that she was looking at the experience a little differently as an adult: She was now a professor of sociology at Temple University.

Between foxtrots, she talked to her fellow dancers about what drew them to ballroom dancing. Those conversations grew into a research project, which grew into a book: "Dance with Me: Ballroom Dancing and the Promise of Instant Intimacy."

"Dancing is a way for people to obtain an intimate relationship — and to have that on their own terms," Ericksen says. "I expected them to tell me that the physical side of dancing — the close hold, the eye contact — with someone they don't know made them uncomfortable, but it turned out that it was a major appeal."

Most of the people who participate in ballroom dance are divorced or single, in their 30s or older, and overwhelmingly female. Ballroom dancing provides intimacy in small servings, allowing participants to have some romance, then get back to their busy lives. One successful CFO told Ericksen, "I don't want to have to look after a man — I want glamour in my life."

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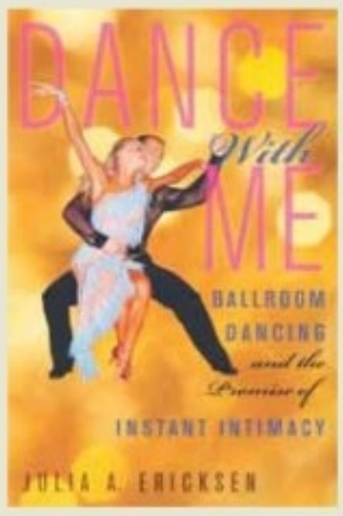
Secondhand dancing

"Dancing with the Stars" is one of the most popular shows on TV. Ericksen thinks that the payoff for people who watch dancing is similar to the payoff for people who dance themselves — it's all about getting a dose of glamour and romance. "People enjoy watching not just the performances, but the behind-the-scenes footage," she says. "They like watching relationships develop."



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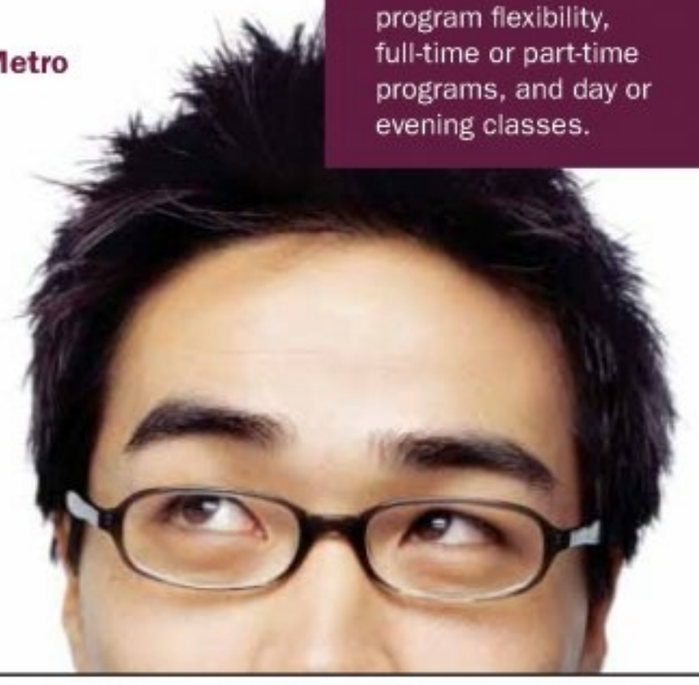

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Study smarter, not longer, this year

◗ Making big, sweeping resolutions is not the most effective way to start the semester ◗ How to make the most of your study sessions in 2012

This week, college students across the country are struggling with the first stages of that age-old New Year's resolution: This year, I'm going to study for an impossible number of hours a day!

Lisa Jacobson is the founder of Inspirica, a company that has been teaching study habits for 25 years. Her advice as the semester kicks off: Don't try to drastically change yourself with one quick turn of the calendar page.

When it comes to studying, why do New Year's resolutions fail?

They're too big. They say, "I'm going to read for three hours a night, every night." I really believe that, when it comes to college students, incremental changes are far more effective. It's trying to go just a step above where you were.

What's a good first step?

It's an easy one. Just take 15 minutes, sit down on your bed and quietly look at your dorm. Be honest with yourself. Is this a place where I can focus? Set yourself up. Go to the container store and make sure everything has a place. Ask yourself, "When is the most quiet, peaceful time in this space?" Carve out just a half hour during that time of day.

So, are New Year's resolutions about studying a bad idea?

I think they can work if the goal is to get to a place where you're working smarter, not necessarily harder. Resolutions can be helpful because you're teaching yourself life skills. Sometimes parents request tutoring for their kids in college — and I advise that they hold off on taking control like that, because college is the time to learn how to advocate for yourself.

Know yourself

Do some students respond better to background noise as opposed to a quiet room?

Yes! Take notice of when you can concentrate, when you get distracted. Some people need lots of activity around them, so they need to find a busy time at a cafe and make sure they plop themselves down there for 30 minutes a day.

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In the tranquil fishing port of Essaouria, with its crescent-shaped bay and honey-colored stone battlements, you can escape the crowds of Marrakesh and discover a gentler Morocco.

This bohemian enclave is the answer to that vacation holiday dilemma — lounge on an exotic beach or take a cultural city break? Essaouira won't make you choose.

Amble down its maze of narrow streets, with shadowy doorways and blue shutters clattering in the wind, and you feel like you are trespassing on a film set. The thick ramparts with their cannons pointing out to sea hint at centuries-ago strife in this forgotten bastion, left behind by the Portuguese.

Essaouira is a three-hour drive from Marrakesh and popular with day-trippers, but it is ideal for a longer stay. It is one of the world's most popular spots for windsurfing and kite boarding, and it's possible to rent a bike and explore the sand dunes.

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Comeback?

Reports: Moyer gets minor league offer

Former Phillies pitcher Jamie Moyer has been offered a minor-league contract by the Colorado Rockies, according to multiple internet reports. The 49-year-old Moyer last pitched in 2010 and went 9-9 with a 4.84 ERA. He underwent Tommy John surgery following that campaign and missed all of last season.

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Orange crush

Syracuse No. 1

The Orange (19-0) retained their top ranking in the AP college basketball poll.

Syracuse beat Villanova, 79-66, and then Providence, 78-55, last week to stay unbeaten. Local prep stars Scoop Jardine and Dion Waiters are key contributors for the No. 1 Orange.

No Philadelphia-area teams were ranked in the Top 25.

Opinion

ANGELO CATALDI

THE VOICE OF THE PHILLY SPORTS FAN

SIXERS SHOW HOW TO BEAT A LOCKOUT

The Eagles are run by football people with decades of experience, a proven record of success and an impeccable national reputation. The Sixers are guided mostly by novices who know a lot more about Wall Street than building a sports franchise.

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So why did the Eagles completely botch the NFL lockout, while the Sixers handled the NBA lockout brilliantly? Could it be that the Eagles allowed their own arrogance to sabotage another season? Is it possible that the new Sixers' brain trust already has a better idea of how to run a successful team?

Keep these numbers in mind as we explore how two of our major franchises confronted the challenge of a league shutdown. The Eagles started the 2011 season 1-4 and sunk to 4-8 before four meaningless wins. The Sixers are an astounding 10-3 right now, having outscored opponents by an average of 15 points per game.

Quoted

"Is it possible the new Sixers' brain trust already has a better idea of how to run a successful team?"

It is no secret the Eagles have a much stronger roster than the Sixers; no one would ever have the chutzpah to call the Sixers a Dream Team, unless the dream was inspired by hallucinogens. In fact, the Sixers have no stars — not one. The Eagles have Mike Vick, LeSean McCoy, DeSean Jackson, Asante Samuel and new post-lockout additions Nnamdi Asomugha and Jason Babin.

The problem is, that array of stars wasn't good enough for the Eagles, who decided an offseason with no workouts, no minicamps and no contact with players was a perfect time for major changes. Why would coach Andy Reid choose that moment to promote Juan Castillo to defensive coordinator? For that matter, why would he radically change the roster after the lockout?

An outsider would assume the people making these major decisions — President Joe Banner, GM Howie Roseman and Reid — were new to the game, unable to see the value of stability after the chaos of a lockout. We know better. The tired act of that trio is painfully obvious. The only rules they play by are their own, even when there is no logic behind them.

Meanwhile, a consortium of investors led by New York financier Joshua Harris bought the Sixers in October during the lockout and then resisted the urge for roster changes, despite slow ticket sales. I asked new Sixers CEO Adam Aron — as I gazed out at thousands of empty seats last Friday night in the owners' box — why he didn't order his only experienced executive, President Rod Thorn, to do more.

His answer was something the Eagles needed to hear, but wouldn't have if he had screamed it in their ears. He said it didn't make sense to shake things up when the NBA was already in disarray after the lockout.

Imagine that. A logical response to a difficult problem, with no I'm-smarter-than-you-are agenda. Is there any way we could get these new Sixer people to run our football team, too?

– Angelo Cataldi is the host of 94 WIP's Morning Show, which airs weekdays 5:30 a.m. to 10 a.m.

Shame on you, Penn State

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▶ Paterno

Just when it seemed impossible for Penn State to look more delusional, more in denial, president Rodney Erickson began a PR assault that was a shock to the system and punch in the stomach. Have these people lost all connection to reality?

And by "these people" I am including the legions of alumni who refuse to acknowledge the essence of the worst sports scandal in decades. No, this tragedy is not about the firing of Joe Paterno or his shattered legacy. It is about the alleged sexual assault of children and the appalling coverup.

Erickson, who was hired to control the damage, had the unmitigated gall to tell 650 alums at a town meeting in King of Prussia: "It grieves me very much when I hear people say 'the Penn State scandal.' This is not Penn State. This is the Sandusky scandal."

Two Penn State administrators are under indictment for lying to the grand jury, accused child molester Jerry Sandusky had the run of the campus for years after his retirement, and at least one of the assaults reportedly happened in PSU's football shower room. Now the new president says "This is not Penn State."

The worst part was the reaction to Erickson's remark. He received a loud ovation from the alums. They actually cheered. I have always revered Penn State — not for the bogus image of moral superiority its football team created, but for the quality of education it represented. Now, I feel nothing but shame for everyone associated with the school.

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▶ Madson signed with the Reds last week.

In Amaro we trust

Ryan Madson is no longer speaking to his former team. He signed a one-year, $8.5 million contract with Cincinnati — after refusing to accept the last-ditch phone calls of the Phils — ending an offseason of ugliness between his agent and GM Ruben Amaro Jr.

The only thing left to decide is who the villain is, and who the victim is. It's obvious that Madson lost the most, since no one is denying he was close to a new deal with the Phillies that would have paid him at least $30 million over three years. So, Madson blew $22.5 million.

Agent Scott Boras claims he had a verbal agreement for a fourth year and a total of $44 million before Amaro had second thoughts and signed Jonathan Papelbon. Amaro says there was never a final agreement at those numbers, just the usual give-and-take in a high-stakes negotiation.

Whom should we believe? I say Amaro.

With the superior Papelbon available, why would the GM lock down Madson so early in free agency? And also, with that much money on the table, an agreement isn't final until ownership signs off and it's pretty clear president Dave Montgomery wasn't happy with that deal.

Idle thoughts from Cataldi ...

1 Job security. The biggest shocker of the week was the revelation that embattled Eagles defensive coordinator Juan Castillo has a job waiting for him in Minnesota if he gets fired. The position is defensive coordinator. Defensive coordinator. This is not a series of typos. This appears to be the truth. Wow.

2 Pipe dreams. Let me get this straight: The Flyers spent $51 million on goaltender Ilya Bryzgalov, and now last year's bust, Sergei Bobrovsky, is the clear No. 1 in the nets? Aren't you glad you're not GM Paul Holmgren right now trying to explain to chairman Ed Snider how this happened?

3 Own up to it. Speaking of Ed Snider, it's going to take years to undo the damage his apathetic ownership did to the Sixers. The team deserves better than 8,000 to 10,000 crowds, but this is what years of neglect brings. The worst thing that ever happened was Snider's ouster of Pat Croce.

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▶ Coburn has one goal and 10 assists (11 points) this year.

Elder statesman Coburn still in Orange and Black

Flyers defenseman one of longest tenured athletes in town ◐ Leading team in average time on ice ◐ Acquired way back in 2007 from Atlanta

Jimmy Rollins. Andre Iguodala. Jamaal Jackson. And Braydon Coburn.

It's an unlikely quartet with a special bond. They're the last men standing for the four Philadelphia teams.

"It's an honor," said the 26-year-old Coburn. "I love playing for this team and being in this organization. It's been like a family since I got here."

On Feb. 24, 2007, Flyers GM Paul Holmgren swiped Coburn (the No. 8 pick in the 2003 draft) from Atlanta for veteran defenseman Alexei Zhitnik. Five years later, Coburn has entrenched himself as a mainstay on Peter Laviolette's defense, usually paired with 2008 acquisition Matt Carle.

21:53

Average time on ice for Coburn this season, which ranks third on the Flyers behind Matt Carle (22:55) and the injured Chris Pronger (22:29).

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Meanwhile, the entire roster, including forgettable names like Randy Robitaille, Ryan Potulny and Jussi Timonen (Kimmo's little brother), has come and gone. But it wasn't as if Philadelphia was completely foreign territory to Coburn, generally a stay-at-home defenseman who doesn't score a lot or go to the box too much.

"I'd played for the Chicago Wolves in the Calder Cup [losing to the Phantoms in the 2005 finals], the year of the lockout," said the 6-foot-5, 220-pound native of Shaunavon, Saskatchewan (Canada). "It was a madhouse here, a tough building to come and play. Whenever you get traded it's really a nice thing to come to a place where I knew guys. I knew Jeff [Carter] and Scottie Upshall from World Juniors, so there was familiarity among the players that made it an easy transition for me."

Now it's come full circle and he's the one easing the transition for youngsters like Marc Andre-Bourdon, Sean Couturier and Brayden Schenn.

"I don't really think about it," Coburn said of the steady turnover in the locker room "We've got new guys coming in all the time. There's always a new challenge ahead."

But for the foreseeable future, chances are Braydon Coburn — the last Flyer standing — will be here to face it.

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Sixers deliver Holiday win

Point guard leads way in MLK Day victory ◗ Sixers unbeaten at home, rout Bucks ◗ Increase division lead to four games ◗ Best beginning in more than 10 years

It was a simple play, really.

Jrue Holiday toyed with Brandon Jennings, beating him off the dribble and then dropping in a leaner over Andrew Bogut.

At the time, it gave the Sixers a nine-point lead early in the third quarter. The Sixers outscored the Bucks 29-19 in that crucial frame and walked away with a 94-82 victory. Holiday scored nine of his game-high 24 points in the third, all while guarding the electrifying Jennings.

"Fabulous, fabulous," coach Doug Collins said, when asked about Holiday. "I thought it was his best game, his liveliest game at both ends of the floor. I actually believe that when Jrue is in that situation, guarding a guy like Jennings, where he's working so hard on the defensive end, I think that activates his offensive game."

Jennings came in averaging 18.7 points per game, but the combination of Holiday and Lou Williams restricted him to seven points. He also turned over the ball three times and finished with only two assists.

Holiday and Jennings, both California natives, have been playing against each other since the sixth grade.

Bounce passes

Few notes from yesterday's Sixers-Bucks game:

- **Spencer Hawes** (back) was back in the starting lineup, but swingman **Evan Turner** (right quad contusion) didn't play. **Andres Nocioni** (6:11) and **Tony Battie** (12:32) saw increased playing time.
- **Sixers are 10-3** this season, which is their best start since going 11-2 in 2000-01. **Their perfect 6-0 mark at home** is their best home start since starting out 10-0 in 2002-03.
- Center **Andrew Bogut** (concussion-like symptoms) returned to the Bucks' starting lineup. Milwaukee had been 0-5 without the 7-footer. He was greeted with chants of, "Andrew Bogus."
- With the **Knicks losing 102-93 to Orlando**, the Sixers now lead the Atlantic Division by four games.

Quoted

"When people leave the building and their team has won, they have a great feeling about themselves."
DOUG COLLINS

"He knows how to read and react," Holiday said of Jennings. "Him coming off that screen is dangerous, he's a streaky shooter. I think today was a collective effort."

As Holiday walked off the court, the red-white-and-blue confetti streamed down for the sixth time this season. The Sixers are undefeated at home and haven't lost at the Wells Fargo Center since April 21, when they fell to Miami in the playoffs. Overall, they've won nine of their last 10 games.

"We've defended our home court, and I've always felt when you're trying to make the turn to get your fans back, you got to win at home," Collins said.

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▶ Holiday played his best game of the season, according to coach Doug Collins.

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Iguodala finalist for 2012 Olympic squad

Andre Iguodala is one of 20 finalists for the 2012 U.S. Olympic men's basketball team. Iguodala was a starter on the 2010 U.S. World Championship team that struck gold.

Doug Collins said that his son, Chris, was an assistant coach on that team and relayed him a message from Olympic coach Mike Krzyzewski, saying that he needed Iguodala to be his best "on-ball defender."

"I think that's his calling card," Collins said. "He can guard multiple guys, he can lock in and bring that to them and he can be special. I [could not] be more proud of 'Dre."

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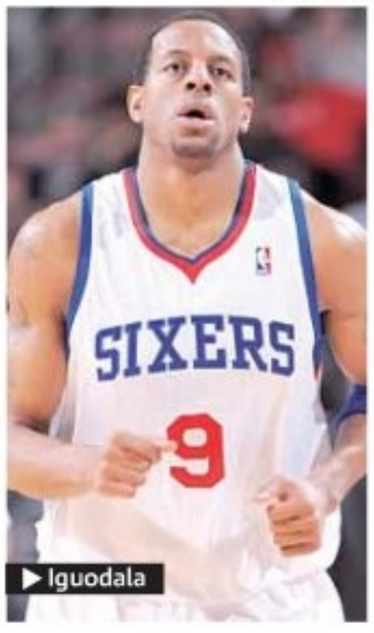

▶ Iguodala

'Special' win for Collins on MLK Day

Doug Collins got a little emotional yesterday as he reflected on the importance of winning on Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday.

Collins played his college ball under Will Robinson at Illinois State. Robinson, at age 61, was the first black coach in Division I history.

"It's very important to me," Collins said. "Will Robinson taught me a lot about this game, about being a man, about struggles that he went through as a young man getting to where he is."

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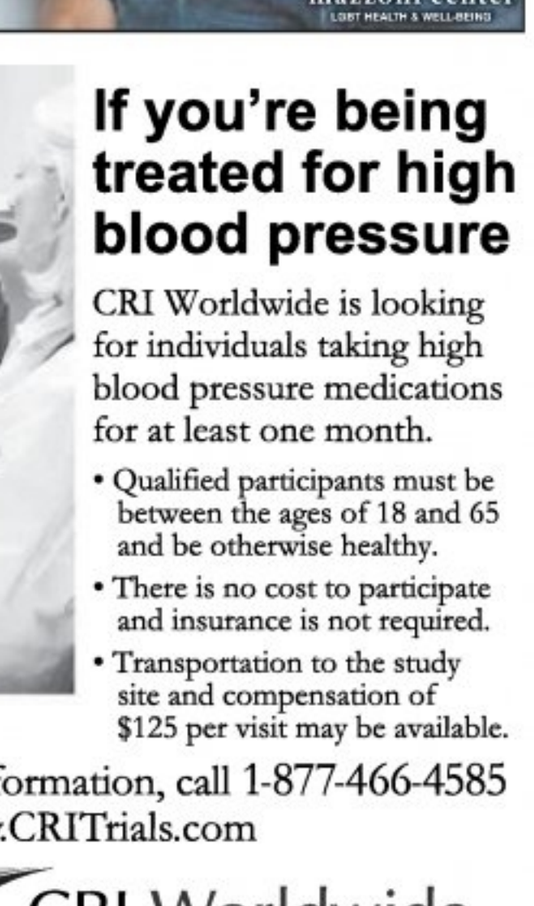

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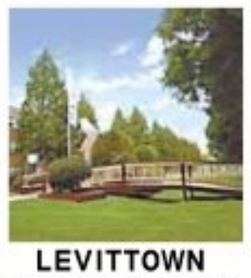
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